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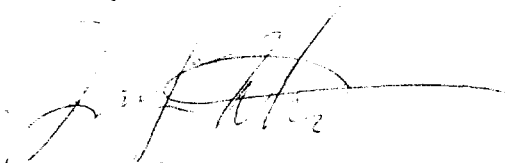
Dear Ms. Hanney:

I am writing to express my concern over the FDA's unwillingness to require mandatory labeling or safety tests for foods that contain genetically engineered products (such as Bt corn, cotton, potatoes, etc.). It is abominable that the US public is not given the opportunity to choose whether to purchase products that may be potentially hazardous to their health and it is a gross failure on the part of the FDA to not test these products for potential adverse effects on human health before allowing them into the market.

I fully support the case of the Alliance for Bio-Integrity in their lawsuit against Shalala (Docket No. 98-1300 CKK) to require stronger safety tests and mandatory labeling of all genetically engineered foods. I strongly urge you to be a strong leader in the push for mandatory labeling and safety testing. I ask you to let me know what you intend to do about this issue.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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